

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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Claims 1-3 (cancelled)

4. (currently amended) A device as claimed in claim 9 10, characterized in that the restriction (27) is present in the inlet (6) of the chamber (3).

5. (currently amended) A device as claimed in claim 9 10, characterized in that the restriction (27) is provided with a spring-loaded non-return valve.

6. (currently amended) A device as claimed in claim 9 10, characterized in that the outlet (10) of the reservoir (2) lies at a higher level than the outlet (7) of the chamber (3) in the operational condition of the device.

7. (currently amended) A device as claimed in claim 9 10, characterized in that a filter (11) is present in the flow path of the solution situated between the outlet (10) of the reservoir (2) and the inlet (6) of the chamber (3).

8. (currently amended) A device as claimed in claim 910, characterized in that the outlet (7) of the chamber (3) is provided with a discharge tube (14).

Claim 9 (cancelled)

Claim 10 (new) : In combination, an ion exchange cartridge (16), provided with an inlet (20) and an outlet container (21), and a device for regenerating the cartridge, characterized in that the device is provided with a reservoir (2) for accommodating a solution (26) in which alkali metal ions and chloride ions are present, said reservoir (21) is provided with an outlet (10) to which the inlet (20) of the cartridge (16) is connected, a chamber (3), accommodating the cartridge (16), provided in the device, said chamber (3) provided with an inlet (6) and an outlet (7), the inlet (6) of the chamber (3) being directly connected to the outlet (10) of the reservoir(2), the inlet (6) and the outlet (7) of the chamber (3) being coupled to the inlet (20) and the outlet (21) respectively of the cartridge (16) and restriction (27) placed in the flow path of the solution situated between the outlet (10) of the reservoir (2) and the outlet (7) of the chamber (3).